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Application No. 09/926,475

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Torben JONSSON et al.

Confirmation No. 5677

Appl. No : 09/926,475

Group Art Unit : 1761

(National Phase of PCT/DK00/00252)

Examiner : Wong

Customer No. 7055

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For : FOOD COMPOSITIONS WITH HIGH SOLIDS
CONTENT, A METHOD FOR ITS PREPARATION AS
WELL AS THE USE OF CARRAGEENANS FOR
GELLING A FOOD COMPOSITION

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2003, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until March 17, 2004.

Applicants note that a Request for Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal were filed on June 16, 2004 whereby the initial due date for filing an Appeal Brief is August 16, 2004.

Accordingly, this reply is being timely submitted for the Examiner's consideration. However, if any extensions of time are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Entry of the instant reply, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which was presented in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111, filed September 2, 2003.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.